THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Funds for development of National Highways are allotted, keeping in view the total cost of works sanctioned, funds already released to the State, progress of execution of works by State PWD, programme of new works depending upon traffic intensity and inter-se priority on all-India basis and total funds available for the purpose. Thus the ratio of kilometrage and funds cannot be taken as a criterion for release of funds.

(d) and (e) Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible to meet in full the demands of various State Governments including those of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. However, there is no discrimination for or against any State in the matter of release of funds for National Highways.

Use of Red Light on Motor Cars of V.I.Ps.

3797. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the list of dignitaries who are entitled to use a Red Light on their cars as provided on the Motor Vehicles Act or otherwise;

(b) whether Government have noticed a number of cars not belonging to or used by the dignitaries in (a) above using the Red lights on cars;

(c) what is being done to crub this unauthorised use of Red Light on cars; and

(d) what is the punishment for such unauthorised use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) As per Rule 108 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, a vehicle carrying high dignitary as specified by the Central Government or the State Government from time to time or a vehicle escorting such vehicle can show a red light to the front. The Central Government has, however, not specified any dignitaries.

(b) to (d) Delhi Police have detected 3 cars using red lights, but not belonging to or used by dignitaries entitled for use of red light in their cars. They were prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the Central Motor Vehicles Act/Rules.

The owner of the motor vehicles having unauthorised red lights are subject to penalties in terms of Section 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The penalty extends to Rs. 100/- for the first offence and upto Rs. 300/- for second and subsequent offence. The implementation of these provisions is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

Inland Waterways Authority of India

3798. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present management structure of Inland Waterways Authority of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that Inland Waterways Authority of India is functioning without a Chairman for many months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the positive development works or policies enunciated during the last four months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Presently, the Management structure of Inland Waterways Authority of India comprises of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman a Member (Technical), Member (Finance) and three part-time Members viz. Joint Secretary In-charge of Inland Water Transport, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser of the Ministry of Surface Transport and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited.

(b) and (c) The post of Chairman is lying vacant w.e.f. 29-1-93. Earlier, the incumbent of the post of Chairman was on Medical leave from 19-8-1992.

(d) The following development works and policies have been initiated recently :—

(i) Policy decision has been taken for the development of channel